

# PASTURE MANAGEMENT FIELD DAY

**JULY 31<sup>st</sup> 10 AM to 2 PM** (rain out day AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup> 10 AM to 2 PM)

*A grilled meat dinner will be provided from 11:45 to 12:15 courtesy of Heartland COOP in Mitchellville, Farmers COOP in Bondurant, Mr. Mike Sweeney and Mr. John Olmstead.*

Please join us for a tour of Mr. Mike Sweeney and Mr. John Olmstead's cattle operations. On display will be several Pasture Management BMP's including:

- High Tensile Electric Fencing used for a paddock/ rotational grazing system and livestock exclusion from Camp Creek.
- Heavy Use Crossings across Camp Creek used to provide livestock water for paddocks adjacent to the creek and as stream crossings.
- Frost-free Nose Pump Watering Devices used to provide a year round tile water supply in paddocks with no access to Camp Creek.
- A Solar Panel Water Pump capable of extracting livestock water without running an additional electric line to the site.

Learn from Mike and John what benefits they have received or expect to see as a result of their projects, what has worked well for them and what they would consider doing differently.

The NRCS' state pasture management specialist, Brian Peterson and ISU grazing and hay land specialist, Joe Sellers will both be in attendance to answer questions and discuss Mike and John's operations.

**To RSVP** or for further information about the Pasture Management Field Day, please call the Ankeny NRCS office. **(515) 964-1883 Ext. 3**

The event will begin at the Sweeney Farm, located on the South side of NE Devotie Drive, just South of Thomas Mitchell Park and ¼ mile West of NE 108<sup>th</sup> St. After lunch we'll head down NE 108<sup>th</sup> St. for a tour of the Olmstead Farm. See Map Below.

